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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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Smith, D.O., Ryan – Tri-City BHMD
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Wiesner, M.D., Christopher – Scripps La Jolla
Workman, R.N., Debi – Palomar College Paramedic Program

Bingham, Jim – Viejas Fire Department
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Broyles, R.N., Linda – AMR/RCCP
Conover, William – Camp Pendleton Fire

Curnow, Robert – Mercy Air
Davis, M.D., Dan – Mercy Air
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Duffy, Jennifer – Escondido/San Marcos Fire
Egleston, Clint – Southwestern College
Foehr, Rick – EMSTA College
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar BHNC
Howard, M.D., James – UCSD EMS Fellow
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Lemire, Harold – San Diego Fire Department
Marovich, Steven – Palomar College
Nichols, Dave – Federal Fire
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – S.D. Fire Department
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial BHNC
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Aker, R.N., Donna Kelly – UCSD ROC
Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Al-Marshad, M.D., Adel – UCSD
Bennett, M.D., Donald – USMC EMS/NHCP

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michele Grad, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Rick Foehr to approve the minutes from November 20, 2012, seconded by Marcus Wang, M.D. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. The winter flu and illness season has hit the region. The number of isolates is rising, though at an expected rate. California is still not seeing the influenza season other states are experiencing. Emergency departments have observed a large number of respiratory illnesses. In some EDs, visits are up 25-50%. The influenza vaccine is still available. The capacity plan, which was sent to hospitals a few weeks ago, should be referenced for dealing with high volumes.
- B. The California Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) held the California EMS Awards ceremony in San Francisco after the December 5, 2012 EMS Commission meeting. The following personnel from San Diego received awards: Border Patrol agent Travis Creteau, for the rescue of two children in a car submerged in a lake; Rick Rod of Rural Metro for training, publications, and disaster experience; Gordon Anderson, an AMR dispatcher, for community outreach programs; Reema Makani Boccia of Rural Metro for community outreach and creative initiatives. Clinical Excellence Awards will be presented at individuals' workplaces. The awardees are selected from nominations, which can be submitted by anyone. The nomination form is available on the EMS Authority website.
- C. There continue to be sporadic drug shortages, most recently of prefill atropine. Vials may be used instead, but multidose vials should be avoided. New morphine Carpujects from Hospira are not licensed for intramuscular use. The Carpuject can be used intravenously, or vials from another manufacturer can be used.
- D. UCSD Hillcrest Medical Center was recognized as one of five initial Comprehensive Stroke Centers by the Joint Commission. Another hospital in San Diego County is waiting to hear about their status, following a site survey.
- E. State EMSA has funded three Advanced Emergency Medical Technician training programs in the state, one of which is located in San Diego, at the National College of Technical Instruction (NCTI). The focus is on law enforcement and tactical medicine.
- F. Suggested changes for the Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (POLST) form were requested from committee members. The form has been revised once since its release. This form should not be confused with the Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) form, as it contains more detailed information, including intensity of care instructions.

- G. A reminder was given to transport agencies to try to remove backboards and other equipment as soon as possible, as storage space is limited and the inventory of backboards in hospitals is becoming very large.
- H. The Emergency Medicine Oversight Commission (EMOC) is working on guidelines addressing the dispensing of narcotics in emergency departments. This looks to be an important issue, as misuse of prescription narcotics is a leading cause of accidental death in the United States. The guidelines would recommend against the following: replacing stolen or lost prescriptions, prescribing missed methadone doses, prescribing long-acting pain medications, or prescribing pain medication if the patient is already receiving it from another physician. Signs would be visible upon a patient's entry into the ED. A meeting is being planned that will include representatives from all EDs. The Controlled Substance Utilization Review and Evaluation System (CURES) is a statewide database that is used for prescription drug monitoring.
- I. Countywide protocols are currently being revised; the third meeting, covering pediatrics, recently took place.
- J. The National Association of EMS Physicians (NAEMSP) meeting took place at the beginning of January in Florida. It was reported that one of the focuses at the meeting was community paramedicine (which was also referred to as "mobile integrated care" by some at the meeting.) NAEMSP has yet to write a position statement on the topic, as discussions are still in the early stages.
- K. Bypass numbers for 2012 were at a record low.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (SDHDC) (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

- A. There was discussion of the November 15, 2012 statewide drill at the last meeting. The input from this discussion will go into the after action report. The drill was successful, and there was a lot of positive feedback, as well as lessons learned.
- B. The Hospital Preparedness Program grant for 2013 has been approved by the state, but the deliverables are still pending.
- C. The SDHDC began sending out a monthly newsletter in late 2012. This newsletter will be sent out to BSPC as an informational item.
- D. Mary Meadows-Pitt reported that "triage tag Tuesdays" have been ongoing in Lakeside (CSA-69) on the first Tuesday of each month.
- E. The next state drill will be taking place in May 2013; further details are pending.

V. BEACON UPDATE (Jim Dunford, M.D.)

- A. All Beacon sites will be getting a three to six month extension as they finish up.
- B. A new board of directors has been appointed, and the transition from the Beacon Health Information Exchange as a UCSD-labeled entity to a regional entity with directors of all hospitals involved has occurred. A 501(c)(3) is being established to ensure sustainability.
- C. Adel Al-Marshad, M.D, reported on gaps observed in the system, including the need for a real time alert mechanism that would notify primary care physicians and case managers of patients' status when they have requested emergency services. This type of system could play a significant role in reducing 30-day readmissions, an important federal metric.
- D. Some preliminary ideas regarding the Regional CAD Interoperability Project (RCIP) were reported. There is a possibility of tying the EMS Hub in with police and fire CAD data to create a sustaining information system model.
- E. Rodney Hood, M.D., received an innovation grant for the management of 200 chronic users of the EMS system. The patients are currently being selected, and the program will involve linking the individuals with faith-based services and other care providers.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Dan Davis, M.D.)

- A. The Amiodarone, Lidocaine or placebo study (ALPS) has approximately 60 patients. San Diego had a recent site visit for this study.
- B. San Diego's participation in the Biomarker Lactate Assessment of Shock in Trauma (BLAST) study has been completed. Some sites are still finishing this study, especially in air medical environments.
- C. A study involving estrogen's effect on traumatic shock and brain injury had been planned as the next trauma study, but there were statistically significant impacts on patients in the initial pilot in Dallas, and there are discussions about whether this outcome will deter ROC from pursuing the trial. Studies will be done to see if the negative outcomes were a result of estrogen administered.
- D. A study on tranexamic acid (TXA) is in development. The Department of Defense has expressed interest in a study looking at TXA and traumatic shock. This study probably would not begin until 2014. James Howard, M.D., of UCSD did work in Australia, where TXA is administered for hypotensive traumatic shock, and he reported that TXA is somewhat cumbersome to administer, but effective. It has also been used by the military.
- E. There is interest in doing a ventilation study in San Diego

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Dr. Dunford discussed upgrades in training and equipment pertaining to tactical emergency medicine, as this has become a prominent issue due to high-profile shootings. The City of San Diego is working with the San Diego Police Department to create an advanced curriculum for a number of personnel. With grant funding, combat gauze and tourniquets were purchased, and training will focus on a unified approach to an active shooter environment. The San Diego Sheriff's Office has received similar funding, and is also training staff on the skills and equipment required.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19, 2013 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



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I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Linnik, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Alexander Miller, M.D., to approve the minutes from January 15, 2013, seconded by Ryan Smith, D.O. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. The flu season was busy both in the field and in the hospitals. Transports were on their way to record levels after dropping in the fall. The number of patients who bypassed a requested hospital was much higher than the 12-month average and ED bypass time was substantially higher. Influenza isolates from the laboratory are down over the last two weeks, but influenza-like illness remains elevated at 11% of ED visits. Deaths due to influenza were elevated at 33. The surveillance of EDs shows that visits are down in the past couple of weeks, as well as for respiratory illness and respiratory illness with fever. Several committee members confirmed this anecdotally.
- B. The emergency department at the Palomar Medical Center downtown campus is being converted to a Standby Emergency Department, and will have 24-hour physician coverage. Law enforcement will be able to take patients there who have been placed on a 5150 for medical clearance.
- C. The drug shortages that continue to crop up have been handled on a case by case basis. Drugs in short supply near expiration should be kept on hand in case they are needed. There are a number of possible solutions: some medications have been diluted to constitute the 10 mL prefill normally used; some multidose vials can be used for one patient; and in some cases, a less concentrated preparation is used.
- D. The Emergency Medicine Oversight Committee (EMOC) is looking at voluntary guidelines for dispensing of narcotics for chronic pain, with an aim to reduce prescription drug abuse and related deaths. The committee has written draft guidelines for narcotic prescriptions, but they would not apply to some categories of patients, such as cancer patients. Among the guidelines, narcotics would not be prescribed for chronic use or after the patient is followed by another physician, initial narcotic prescriptions would be for a limited quantity, lost or stolen prescriptions would not be refilled, and long-acting narcotics would not be prescribed.
- E. Scripps Memorial Hospital in La Jolla became the second hospital in the county to earn recognition as a Joint Commission Comprehensive Stroke Center. There was a discussion on whether this designation means stroke patients will be diverted to this hospital, but the response was that the focus is on building a better stroke system as a whole and current triage guidelines will remain in place for now.

- F. State EMS just announced that the revised paramedic regulations were approved, and will take effect on April 1, 2013. Copies are available on the EMSA website.
- G. The state has continued to discuss community paramedicine. This is the use of paramedics in expanded or non-traditional roles, such as transport to alternate destinations; assessment, treatment, and/or release of patients; addressing the needs of frequent 911 callers; post hospitalization follow-ups; care for chronic conditions; and preventive care. There are numerous questions about legal or regulatory changes necessary to implement this. One course to begin is the Health Workforce Pilot Project program through the state Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (SDHDC) (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

- A. There will be a statewide drill in May, but an exact date has not been provided yet. When this is available, it will be reported to BSPPC.
- B. There will be a California Hospital Association (CHA) conference on September 23-25, 2013 in Sacramento.
- C. The Healthcare Disaster Council is planning to focus on community partnership meetings intended to develop relationships with facilities around local hospitals, in order to have additional resources in the case of a disaster.

V. BEACON UPDATE (Jim Dunford, M.D.)

- A. Beacon has transitioned away from UCSD's leadership to its own board of directors. This board of directors will run the health information exchange. Revenue streams for this still need to be fully developed.
- B. The Regional CAD Interoperability Project (RCIP), which had been discussed at January's meeting and could potentially link various CAD systems (e.g. police, fire departments) with the Beacon Hub. The cost of this was too high to pursue, however, and an alert system will not be possible in this form.
- C. Within a short time, UCSD, Rady Children's Hospital, the Sharp & Scripps Health systems, and military hospitals should all be able to use the Beacon system. There are discussions with family health centers and other such facilities to provide them access to the system.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Dan Davis, M.D.)

- A. There was a ROC meeting last week in Chicago, and a major point of discussion was budgetary concerns. There will be a 10% cut on the grant for the project.
- B. Enrollment in some studies has been slower than anticipated, but San Diego is not participating in a number of these studies because of current similar treatment protocols.

- C. It was asked when data from the Amiodarone, Lidocaine or placebo study (ALPS) would be published; Dr. Davis stated that enrollment is not expected to be completed until 2015, unless the study is stopped early due to a particular outcome, so publication of data is still a few years out.

VII. PROTOCOL REVIEW (Susan Smith, R.N.)

Protocol updates for 2013 were presented.

VIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

There were no items for future discussion.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.



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Zeligman, Harvey - SVRHC

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bill Linnik, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Dan Davis, M.D. introduced Dr. Zeligman, from Arizona Emergency Medical Services.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from February 19, 2013. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. Since January there have been a number of cases of meningococcal disease in Tijuana. There are 25 possible cases, 16 confirmed cases, and five deaths reported. San Diego County has had two (2) confirmed cases this year. Recommendations from Public Health are to maintain awareness of the disease, the number of cases of meningococcal disease in Tijuana, and to take a travel history when evaluating patients who may have been in the area where cases have been reported. Suspected cases should be reported to HHSA Public Health.

CAHAN alerts were mentioned and it was encouraged to check on the alert system that gives notification of Health Department news.

- B. There have been some drug shortages with Dextrose. The Atropine shortage has decreased. Notify County EMS if suppliers have difficulty in providing orders.
- C. State EMS is working on a project to collect statewide measures such as scene times for severely injured patients or direct transport to trauma center for severely injured patients. The state has put together a group of core measures to be collected from local jurisdictions. Measures have been established for trauma, STEMI, cardiac arrest, stroke, respiratory patients, pediatric care, pain treatment, skill performance and response time and transport. EMS and healthcare providers will be asked to submit additional data points. Part of the indicators will be collected from the last two to three years as well as data for the next year which will be sent to the State. County EMS must submit data to the state by May 31, 2013. Agencies are being asked to submit their data elements by April 30, 2013.
- D. Paramedic tactical units scope of practice and interventions are being reviewed for appropriate changes.
- E. A contact list of providers of bariatric ambulances for transporting is being identified for reference.

- F. Dr. Paul Haydu passed away from leukemia on February 26, 2013. Dr. Haydu was the Base Hospital Medical Director at Palomar for 20 years and chair of BSPC for 11 years.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (SDHDC) (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

- A. The County of San Diego has an exercise drill scheduled for May 30, 2013. The drill will focus on fatality management. The scenario of the drill will be an explosion at Qualcomm. Intent to participate forms should be sent to County EMS, contact is Les Gardina. The EMS Medical Operations Center (MOC) will be open. The Navy will also be in play for the exercise.
- B. November 21, 2013 is the Statewide Drill.
- C. There are currently WebEOC hospital based CE training courses available online. If you have WebEOC you should be receiving fliers.

V. BEACON UPDATE (Jim Dunford, M.D.)

- AMR is working on a few issues and will be ready to move into production with BEACON soon.
- City EMS and Fieldsaver clients are in production.
- Beta testing will begin at Sharp in a week or two.
- Scripps is reviewing their participation agreement.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Dan Davis, M.D.)

- A. There are now 78 patients enrolled in the Amiodarone, Lidocaine, Placebo Study (ALPS).
- B. The Advanced Resuscitation Training (ART) two (2) day workshop is on April 4 and 5, 2013. It is being funded through grants from industry, the training is free and CE's are being offered.

VII. PROTOCOL REVIEW (Susan Smith, R.N.)

A. P-104, Treatment Protocol - Skills List

1. Addition of hemostatic gauze was reviewed. Discussion ensued on the indications listed and packing of penetrating wounds. Consensus was to use guidelines from the military on conditions for use. The Medical Audit Committee (MAC) also discussed combat hemostatic gauze and how useful it would be in the civilian setting. Tactical use guidelines and the use of hemostatic gauze will be brought to MAC to review.
2. There were comments on spinal stabilization and patients 65 years of age and older. Older patients that may have osteopenic bones and who are more likely to have an occult injury should have spinal stabilization. Discussion included indications and clarification of exceptions/mechanisms.

3. A suggestion was made to use the term pediatrics instead of infants under comments allowing rear-facing car seats for transport if the infant is already secured. It was also mentioned to make the edit for children in 5-point car seats.
- B. S-142, Treatment Protocol – Psychiatric/Behavioral Emergencies
 1. Add consideration for EMS removing taser barbs.
 2. Discrepancy in the standing order (SO) and amount of Versed administered to a combative patient was discussed.
- C. S-160, Pediatric Treatment Protocol – Airway Obstruction

There were no changes.
- D. S-161, Pediatric Treatment Protocol – Altered Neurologic Function (Non Traumatic)

SO was changed with respiratory compromise from focal seizure to partial seizure.
- E. S-162, Pediatric Treatment Protocol – Allergic Reaction/Anaphylaxis

There were no changes.
- F. S-163, Pediatric Treatment Protocol – Dysrhythmias
 1. “Unstable” added to Supraventricular Tachycardia (SVT) under ALS.
 2. Added Ventricular Tachycardia (VT) to the protocol, 12-lead to confirm, contact BHPO for direction.
 3. Removed “Post conversion” Lidocaine for most patients from ALS. Lidocaine is still indicated for patient with AICD discharges.
- G. S-164, Pediatric Treatment Protocol – Envenomation Injuries
 1. For pediatrics use salt water heat pack, not to exceed 110 degrees.
 2. It was suggested to remove alcohol or vinegar rinse from the adult protocol as well.
- H. S-165, Pediatric Treatment Protocol – Poisoning/Overdose
 1. Add under “Ingestions”, in oral hypoglycemic agent ingestion frequent blood glucose monitoring indicated.
 2. There was discussion on documenting poisoning and overdose calls.
- I. S-166, Pediatric Treatment Protocol – Newborn Deliveries
 1. Under prolapsed cord, remove placing the mother in shock position.
 2. Discussion included checking blood sugar of the newly born.
- J. S-167, Pediatric Treatment Protocol – Respiratory Distress

Deleted known asthmatics-consider oral hydration under BLS.
- K. S-169, Treatment Protocol – Trauma – Pediatrics

There were no changes. Trauma guidelines are periodically reviewed to match trauma treatment protocol with state/national CDC guidelines.

L. S-170, Pediatric Treatment Protocol – Burns

There were no changes.

M. S-172, Pediatric Treatment Protocol – ALTE (Apparent Life Threatening Event)

There were no changes.

N. S-173, Pediatric Treatment Protocol – Pain Management

Deleted pain score assessment. "For treatment of pain", add as needed.

Protocol review discussion included:

- Guidelines for pediatric standard needle size/gauge.
- S-141, Treatment Protocol – Pain Management, regarding pain assessment and the pain scale.
- Adding Zofran to the pediatric protocol, and IV dose.

VIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Hypothermia and cooling for cardiac arrest in the field was discussed. More data is needed.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2013 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.



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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, April 16, 2013

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In Attendance

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Broyles, R.N., Linda – AMR/RCCP
Cavanaugh, Mary – Miramar Fire
Cox, R.N., Susan – Rady Children's Hospital
Curnow, Robert – Mercy Air
Davis, M.D., Dan – Mercy Air

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Hudnet, R.N., Carlen – Rural/Metro
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Maloney, Ryan – AMR
Maisonet, Scott – U.S. Border Patrol
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Murphy, R.N., Mary – CSA-17 Fire Department
Nieson, M.D., for Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – S.D. Fire Department
Przewieda, R.N., Tanya – Rady Children's Hospital
Rod, R.N., Rick – Rural Metro – SD City EMS
Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Rosenberger, R.N., Wendy – Tri-City
Ross, Alyssa – City of San Diego EMS
Russo, R.N., Joe – Rural Metro/CSA-17
Scott, R.N., Chris – San Diego Fire
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Serra, M.D., John – UCSD/Rural-Metro
Walls, Brandon – Reach Air
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I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michele Grad, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Heather Conrad, M.D., introduced Tanya Przewieda, R.N., as the new Nurse Liaison for Rady Children's Hospital. [This introduction took place towards the end of the meeting.]

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from March 19, 2013. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. Following the bombings in Boston, this reinforces all the disaster planning that we do.
- B. Currently working with Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC) to get a better handle on offload delays. First Watch has a program that will allow us to record the actual turnover time of the patient from the field personnel to the hospital.
- C. EMS Coordinator Rebecca Pate, R.N., is leaving County EMS for Palomar Hospital.
- D. There are still some drug shortages with Dextrose. Notify County EMS if you have a shortage.
- E. Follow-up on admittance for each trauma center over the last three (3) years showed volume had gone up but the percentage of distribution for each center stayed stable.
- F. Dr. Haynes thanked all the agencies who are helping with core measures.
- G. State regulations for STEMI, Stroke and Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) have not come back out yet. After review, the state found all sets were different and want them more similar before they put them out for a second round of comments.
- H. The number of meningococemia cases in San Diego County does not exceed what we would normally see. Since 2005, the number of cases have ranged from four (4) to fourteen (14) with an average number of nine (9). We are currently at eight (8). There is a mini epidemic in Tijuana and an unrelated outbreak in New York City. There is a vaccine available and those who are eligible for it are recommended to get it.
 - Immediately report if you suspect meningococemia disease to Health and Human Services Epidemiology.
 - Maintain awareness of this outbreak; make sure you get a ten (10) day travel history when an individual has been in touch with somebody who lives in Mexico.
 - There are currently no travel restrictions to Mexico.
 - Prophylaxis for the field or hospital is not generally required unless mouth to mouth, intubation or endotracheal suctioning with lots of secretions and doing them without protective measures.

I. EMOC is working on reducing prescription drug abuse and death from prescription drug abuse which has become a leading cause of death in the United States. They held an event to encourage physicians to sign up for "CURES".

J. "Sidewalk CPR" is set for June 4, 2013.

K. "Strike Out Stroke" is set for June 22, 2013 at the San Diego Padres game.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (SDHDC) (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

The County of San Diego disaster drill is still scheduled for May 30, 2013. It will be a stadium collapse. Check with your disaster representative for further information.

V. BEACON UPDATE (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Working to sign-up additional hospitals to obtain agreements and talking to field providers about getting data sent in.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Dan Davis, M.D.)

A. There are now 82 patients enrolled in the Amiodarone, Lidocaine, Placebo Study (ALPS).

B. There has been a lot of e-mail discussion about Tranexamic Acid and the intent of ROC is not to interfere with normal practice. Attendees discussed this.

C. ROC is having a workshop on May 9 and 10, 2013.

VII. BORDER PATROL AEMT PROGRAM (SBPA Brian Kelly)

Three (3) agents from BORSTAR came and presented a video presentation on their program. They were founded in 1998 in San Diego. They consist of a 33 man team with 20 advanced EMTs. They are the Search and Rescue entity within Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP). Their first capacity is law enforcement.

They presented two cases that were sited in San Diego County.

VIII. PROTOCOLS AND POLICIES (Susan Smith, R.N.)

Changes to policies:

A. P-430 – Fireline Paramedic

Handout distributed describing policy; review and e-mail Susan if you have anything.

B. A-476 – Air Ambulance Medical

The policy now reflects the actual practice.

Changes to protocols:

C. P-104, Treatment Protocol – Skills List

1. (Medical Audit Committee) MAC concluded it is not necessary to use hemostatic gauze for routine trauma care.
 2. For External Cardiac Pacemaker it was suggested rate set at 60/min should be changed to minimum of 60 as some manufactured start at 70 and cannot be changed.
 3. For Spinal Stabilization it was suggested a comment should be added to use special consideration if a patient is over 65 years of age.
- D. S-103, Treatment Protocol – BLS/ALS Ambulance Inventory
Remove some of the catheter sizes.
- E. S-123, Treatment Protocol – Altered Neurologic Function (Non Traumatic)
1. CVA: 250ml fluid to maintain BP >120 under ALS.
2. Changed to 5mg of Versed on standing order and another 5mg after ten (10) minutes.
- F. S-131, Treatment Protocol – Hemodialysis Patient
Remove access graft under ALS but leave it as part of the skills set as physician variation OR change to BHPO.
- G. S-133, Treatment Protocol – Obstetrical Emergencies
Changed to 5mg of Versed on standing order and another 5mg after ten (10) minutes.
- H. S-134, Treatment Protocol – Poisoning/Overdose
Changed to 5mg of Versed on standing order and another 5mg after ten (10) minutes.
- I. S-141, Treatment Protocol – Pain Management
Still assess the patient using the standardized pain scale, but medicate as needed. This matches the Pediatric Protocol.
- J. S-142, Treatment Protocol – Psychiatric/Behavioral Emergencies
1. Add Capnography to Monitor/EKG under ALS.
2. Changed to 5mg of Versed on standing order and another 5mg after ten (10) minutes.
- K. S-174, Treatment Protocol – GI/GU (Non-Tramatic)
There were no changes made.

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

This topic was not discussed.

X. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2013 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:43 p.m.



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White, R.N., Patricia – San Diego Fire-Rescue

Recorder

Trujillo, Amy

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michele Grad, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Christopher Wiesner, M.D., and seconded by Ryan Smith, M.D., to approve the minutes from April 16, 2013. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. Dr. Haynes was not present. Susan Smith, R.N., went over the Medical Director's Report that was sent out.
- B. UCSD is on strike May 21, 2013 (day of the meeting). Their trauma department stated if they have to go on bypass they will notify the other centers.
- C. On May 22, 2013 American Medical Response (AMR) is going for the Guinness Book of World Records on training the most people on CPR in one (1) day.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (SDHDC) (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

- A. There will be a HAvBED drill on June 17, 2013.
- B. For the upcoming MCI exercise on May 30, 2013, Sharp Memorial will be the base; they will be looking for bed counts.
- C. Ms. Rosenberg stated everything is on track with the HRSA grants.

V. BEACON UPDATE (Gary Vilke, M.D.)

Dr. Vilke was not present. There was no Beacon update.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Donna Kelly Aker)

There are now 91 patients enrolled in the Amiodarone, Lidocaine, Placebo Study (ALPS).

VII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

This topic was not discussed.

VIII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2013 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.



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Kelly, Brian – USBP BORSTAR
Kirk, Sue – Tri-City
Koutrouba, Tom – San Marcos Fire
Lemire, Harold – S.D. Fire Department
Maxwell, Paul – WestMed College
McEwan, Michael – USBP BORSTAR
Ochs, R.N., Ginger – S.D. Fire Department
Ordille, Pete – Palomar College
Pierce, Jodie – S.D. Fire Department
Rosenberger, R.N., Wendy – Tri-City
Saltzstein, Doug – NCTI
Serra, John – UCSD/Rural/Metro
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Vogt, Rick – San Marcos Fire
Walls, Brandon – Reach Air
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla

Recorder

Amy Trujillo

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michele Grad, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. The attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from May 21, 2013. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. Dr. Haynes went over the Medical Director's Report that was sent out.
- B. Chula Vista Fire Department is currently in the application process to be an Advanced Life Support (ALS) first responder.
- C. Temecula Valley Hospital is opening up in the southern part of Temecula, very close to the San Diego County line. San Diego County EMS will be evaluating and working with them in regards to patient flow in this area.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (SDHDC) (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

Ms. Rosenberg was not present; no SDHDC report.

V. BEACON UPDATE (Gary Vilke, M.D.)

Dr. Vilke was not present to update the Beacon project. However, Dr. Haynes stated that Beacon has transitioned into a 501(c)(3) and UCSD's role has changed. Beacon now has a new CEO and board of directors, and are in the decision making process regarding the future direction of Beacon.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Gary Vilke, M.D.)

Dr. Vilke was not present. The Amiodarone, Lidocaine, Placebo Study (ALPS) trial continues to proceed along.

VII. 2013 PROTOCOLS (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

Dr. Haynes asked if the group had any issues or comments in regards to the protocol revision.

VIII. PATIENT IDENTIFICATION (M. Kramer, M.D.)

Dr. Kramer is requesting for medics to provide pertinent demographic information over the radio to identify a patient, specifically in the acute status patient. This would allow physicians to look up patient history and code status prior to arrival and assist in making informed decisions regarding the patient. The attendees discussed this. There was support for the concept.

IX. BASE CONTACT CRITICAL PATIENTS (M. Kramer, M.D.)

Dr. Kramer also suggested all acute patients should be called into the receiving base if possible. The attendees discussed this.

Action item: County EMS to do follow-up in regards to items VIII and IX.

X. LONDON EMS PROTOCOL (J. Dunford, M.D.)

Dr. Dunford presented a PowerPoint presentation on Cardiac Arrest Registry to Enhance Survival (CARES) data and London EMS Protocols.

Dr. Dunford stated he hopes to bring the group information on a program called PulsePoint. PulsePoint is a free phone application that allows people to opt in and help, if there's a cardiac arrest within a four (4) mile radius. Dr. Dunford also stated they are geolocating all of the automated external defibrillators (AED) in the community.

XI. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

There were no items brought forward.

XII. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is scheduled for July 16, 2013 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 p.m.



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III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. Dr. Haynes went over the Medical Director's Report that was sent out.
- B. The National Association of EMS Physicians and American College of Surgeons issued a position statement on EMS spinal precautions and the use of long backboards in trauma patients. Their statement is very similar to our current practice. One recommendation regarding patients with penetrating injury to head, neck or torso without neurologic deficit is they do not need the backboard, and this is where we have gone with our policies. If you would like a copy of the position statement, e-mail Dr. Haynes.
- C. A feasibility study will take place with a stroke neurologist from UCSD and medic units with the City of San Diego. This part of the study will look at whether a portable sonography device can be used in a prehospital setting to assess intracranial arteries and the transmission of data of in the field.
- D. In response to the San Francisco airplane crash, it is important to review your surge plan and capabilities.
- E. Strike Out Stroke day was June 22, 2013 at Petco Park. Over 1400 people bought t-shirt and ticket bundles.
- F. Ginger Ochs, R.N., is retiring from San Diego Fire Department. Her retirement party is Friday, July 19, 2013.
- G. The State EMS Authority is interested in community paramedicine and the role it can play within the State and various counties. A project funded by the California Healthcare Foundation worked together with UC Davis to prepare a report on community paramedicine. Conclusions gathered suggest community paramedicine may increase primary care for medically underserved areas and enhance EMS personnel skills.

Action item: Dr. Haynes to send out Community Paramedicine report to the group.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (SDHDC) (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

- A. Ms. Rosenberg reported from July 17-19, 2013 there will be a communication drill on Tribal Lands. All the tribes are simulating a wildfire with injuries and evacuations, with the goal to develop rapport with the hospitals in the region, so in the event of a disaster the process of how

to connect family members to the hospitals is known. It is mostly an administrative drill and there is no exact time when they will call.

- B. All the hospitals that receive money and equipment from the HPP grants should be receiving a survey in August 2013.

V. BEACON UPDATE

Dr. Haynes reported that Beacon has gone to a board of directors with an executive director, and a primary focus is on the EMS Hub.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC)

Donna Kelly Aker reported there are now 97 patients enrolled in the Amiodarone, Lidocaine, Placebo Study (ALPS). The study just passed its one year mark and is expected to continue for another year to year and a half. Nothing new to report for any other trials, everything is proceeding as planned.

VII. NEW ROLES FOR EMS IN HEALTHCARE REFORM (Jim Dunford, M.D.)

Dr. Dunford presented a PowerPoint presentation on New Roles for EMS in Healthcare Reform.

VIII. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

There were no items brought forward.

IX. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

A reminder there is no BSPC meeting in August. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2013 in the Sharp Spectrum Auditorium; however Dr. Haynes stated the meeting for September might need to be rescheduled. An e-mail will go out to the group in regards to the date.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.



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Anderson, Marilyn – Vista Fire
Gardiner, Yana - TCMC
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy BHNC
Conover, William – Camp Pendleton Fire

In Attendance (cont'd)

Abbott, Steve – North County Fire
Bingham, Jim – Viejas Fire
Currow, Robert – Mercy Air
Dotson, R.N., Melody – UCSD
Egleston, Clint – Southwestern College
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center
Harley, M.D., Jim – Rady Children's Hosp
Idman-Gervais, R.N., Dianne – Sharp Grossmont
Maisonet, Scott - BORSTAR
Kelly, Brian – USBP BORSTAR
Levine, M.D., Saul – Sharp Memorial
Andrews, R.N., Donna – Mercy Air/ Julian Fire
Murphy, R.N., Mary – CSA-17 Fire Department
Walls, Brandon – Reach Air
Garcia, Jimmy – Mercy Air
Pierce, R.N., Jodie – S.D. Fire Department
Rod, R.N., Rick – City of SD EMS/Rural/Metro
Russo, R.N., Joe – Rural/Metro/CSA-17
Scott, R.N., Chris – Chula Vista Fire
Peck, Sean – West Med College
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla

Recorder

Becky Zhang

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michele Grad, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. The attendees introduced themselves.

On November 8-10, 2013, the US Border Patrol is hosting an EMT class at the San Diego Sector Headquarters.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Michele Grad, M.D., to approve the minutes from July 16, 2013. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. Dr. Haynes went over the Medical Director's Report.
- B. County EMS has a new air ambulance provider. Reach Air began service on October 1, 2013. Their airship is stationed at the Oceanside airport. Mercy Air is stationed at Palomar airport and Gillespie Field. County EMS is required to establish an aeromedical dispatch agency when there is more than one air ambulance in the county. AMR is the designated aeromedical dispatch agency.
- C. Temecula Valley Hospital is "stroke ready", although it will not go through Joint Commission stroke designation until they acquire additional data. The hospital does not have labor and delivery services or in-patient pediatrics.
- D. The flu season is approaching. Vaccination is strongly encouraged to all health care personnel. Wearing a mask is recommended in patient areas if you have not been vaccinated.
- E. The 2013 Day of Trauma is November 1, 2013. This year's theme is "Trauma Myth Busters."
- F. The EMOC Summit is on November 7th, 2013. The Summit will be an all-day event at Scripps La Jolla.
- G. Trauma resource designation is a physician order. A full report must be given as it is up to the physician to decide whether the patient is a resource patient or a trauma patient.
- H. EMS has met with County Behavior Health looking at the issues with 5150 patients. There are concerns with detaining someone, what is the authority, what is the downside risk, etc.
- I. State regulations:

Stroke regulations and STEMI receiving facility regulations may be out again for public comments in December. The State is trying to determine the best method to go with data collection requirements.

1. Regulation for EMS for children has not come back out yet.
2. LVAD: there is an interesting article in Wall Street Journal regarding increasing use of LVAD.
3. Legislative season is over. The following bills are signed by Governor for EMS.
 - a. SB191: Pediatric component of the MADDY bill, which is the surcharge on moving violations and other violations that provided for pediatric trauma and emergency care in terms of reimbursing hospitals for physicians for uncompensated care. CalACEP was the sponsor.
 - b. AB633: An employer cannot have a policy to prohibit an employee from providing voluntary emergency medical service, including but not limited to CPR in response to a medical emergency.
 - c. AB669: People are able to get a prescription for an EpiPen kit to carry and use on others whom they suspect may be suffering an anaphylaxis reaction.

IV. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (SDHDC)

- A. The Statewide Medical Healthcare Exercise is on November 21, 2013 and will have a food borne illness scenario.

V. BEACON UPDATE

Dr. Haynes reported that Beacon is working with EMS staff to continue to move ahead with data collection and building the system.

VI. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC)

Dr. Haynes reported there were no problems or issues reported with the UCSD Lidocaine, Amiodarone, Placebo trial study. UC San Diego is involved through the ROC where patients receive Lidocaine, Amiodarone or Placebo in a blind research study.

VII. NEW ROLES FOR EMS IN HEALTHCARE REFORM

- A. Data was collected by the STEMI centers from 2007-2012 on 5932 cases. Majority (75.5%) of these patients arrived to the ED by 9-1-1. Of the 9-1-1 cases, 75% were Prehospital Activated.
 1. For 2012, 12.1% were false positives.
 2. For 2012, Prehospital 12 Lead date/time data was available for 50% of Prehospital Activated cases and 45% of Prehospital Non-Activated cases.
 3. Data was presented on Activated, Non-Activated and Walk-Ins for Door-to First-Device times less than or equal to 90 minutes per quarter and year.
 4. Overall STEMI Diversion Bypass hours by month and year was presented.

- B. Amelia Kenner-Brininger gave a presentation on Stroke data. 2012 Stroke Data Highlights:
1. Data was presented on mode of arrival, age group, discharge destination and stroke diversion impact.
 2. EMS Ischemic Stroke cases with a symptom onset to arrival time of less than or equal to four hours:
 - a. 58.4% had a brain image scan in 25 minutes or less from time of arrival
 - b. 37.2% received tissue plasminogen activator (tPA)
 - 44.3% of the cases that received tPA received it in 60 minutes or less from time of arrival
 - 9.1% of the cases that received tPA in 60 minutes or less from time of arrival expired compared to 7.3% of the cases that received tPA more than an hour after arrival.

VIII. COMMUNITY PARAMEDICINE (Bruce Haynes, M.D.)

- A. Community Paramedicine is a State initiated project that mirrors the use of paramedic roles expanded in other states, especially some of the low population density states, and western states. The State has been working on the project with the California Foundation to try to encourage the performance of trial studies in California to look at this concept.
- B. They are looking for approximately 12 organizations to perform trial studies.
1. Field possibilities: transporting patients with non-immediate emergency care to alternate non-emergency department locations; referring released individual on the scene of emergency response; and addressing the need of frequent 911 callers or frequent visitors.
 2. Other possibilities: follow up with persons who are recently discharged from hospital to decrease the risk of readmission; provide support for people with diabetes, asthma, congestive heart failure, or multiple medical conditions.
 3. Partner with community health workers, primary care providers in underserved areas, to provide preventive care.
- C. Letters of intent for those that were interested in Community Paramedicine projects were submitted a couple of months ago. The following projects were submitted through EMS:
1. City of San Diego has submitted to look at the extension of the RAP program for frequent users.
 2. Carlsbad Fire submitted to look at patients who may be able to go to an outpatient clinic instead of emergency department.
- D. Projects submitted to State will be notified by the end of October if their project has been approved.
- E. Committees will be established at the state and local level to help design the trial with more detail to see how each excepted program is likely to be effective and to look at paramedic criteria and training.

- F. Pilot project sites will be submitted to the Office of Statewide Health Planning Development (OSHDP). OSHDP is an agency of the state that can trial healthcare workers in non- traditional roles that do not fall into current licensing.
- G. The projects will be reviewed by the licensing board. It is OSHPDs responsibility to make sure there is community knowledge of the studies and give their comments. This would occur from February to April of 2014. The projects approved by OSHPD would start around September 2014.

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

EMS will bring data reports outlining Trauma over the last couple of years that are similar to STEMI and Stroke.

Dr. Haynes will send out an update on the salmonella outbreak.

X. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.
Next meeting on November 19, 2013



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BASE STATION PHYSICIANS' COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 19, 2013

Present Members

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Grad, M.D., Michele – Palomar BHMD
Kahn, M.D., Chris – UCSD BHMD
Klingensmith, Todd – S.D. Paramedic Association
Kramer, M.D., Mark – Sharp Memorial
Linnik, M.D., Bill – Sharp Grossmont BHMD
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont BHNC
Smith, D.O., Ryan – Tri-City BHMD
Schwartz, M.D., Brad – AMR Medical Director
Wang, M.D. Marcus – Scripps Mercy BHMD

County Staff

Ameng, R.N., Diane
Conte, R.N., Meredith
Metz, R.N., Marcy
Smith, PhD, Josh

In Attendance

Aker, Donna – UCSD ROC
Allington, R.N., Linda – Carlsbad Fire
Anderson, Mary – Federal Fire
Bingham, Jim – Viejas Fire
Bourdon, R.N., Darlene – Scripps Mercy BHNC
Broyles, R.N., Linda - AMR
Dotson, R.N., Melody - UCSD

In Attendance (cont'd)

Duffy, Jenny – Escondido/San Marcos Fire
Elliott, Laura – Mercy Air
Ferraro, Joe – Miramar Fire Department
Gardiner, Yama – Tri-City Medical Center
Graydon, R.N., Cheryl – Palomar Medical Center
Harley, M.D., Jim – Rady Children's Hospital
Healy, R.N., Marla – Sharp Memorial
Hotka, Brian – Mercy Air
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Rosenberg, R.N., Linda – Sharp Memorial
Russo, R.N., Joe – Rural/Metro/CSA-17
Seabloom, R.N., Lynne – Oceanside Fire
Serra, M.D., John – UCSD/Rural Metro
Sullivan, Don – AMR
Wells, R.N., Christine – Scripps La Jolla

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Michele Grad, M.D., called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

Announcement: Labor action at UCSD

UCSD is accepting patients as usual. They will not be on bypass unless they are overwhelmed as standard practice.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from October 15, 2013. Motion carried.

III. MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

- A. Flu season is upon us. Remember to get a flu shot and have your workforce vaccinated to protect patients.
- B. Drug shortages continue to occur sporadically. Recently there are shortages with dopamine and morphine. Dr. Haynes and Meredith Conte are working on communication regarding shortages.
- C. The Health Services Capacity Task Force met and revised the Capacity Plan for this year's flu season. The Jury Duty postponement letter will come out soon. Changes to the Capacity Plan should be out by end of the month.
- D. As of October 1, 2013, Reach Air is the second air ambulance provider in the County. Since November 15, there have been 106 launches. AMR serves as the air ambulance dispatching agency. Diane Ameng, EMS QA Specialist, will be doing the QA on those air calls.
- E. There are two local Community Paramedicine projects that were provisionally approved by the EMS Authority. Carlsbad Fire and City of San Diego will be completing surveys which the EMS Authority will review along with the other projects submitted. Formal applications will be sent to OSHPD for approval.
- F. The CSA-17 ambulance provider contract that serves the North Coastal area that includes Solana Beach, Del Mar, Encinitas and Rancho Santa Fe went out to bid. As of January 1, 2014, the ambulance provider will change from Rural Metro to AMR.
- G. The Emergency Medical Oversight Committee (EMOC) Summit was a success. It included the history of emergency medicine, statewide EMS issues and public health updates on infectious diseases. ED panels looked at roles of Base Hospital, the Beacon project, and new Navy treatment guidelines.

- H. The date for the 2014 Southern California CPR Day participation event is scheduled on Thursday, June 5, 2014.
- I. BSPC discussed hospital and prehospital healthcare workers vaccination or wear a mask policy, and the County recommendation.

IV. TRAUMA REPORT (Joshua Smith, PhD)

- A. 2012 Trauma Review:
 - 1. The trauma rate has increased over the last three years and is expected to continue to increase. There is a large jump in the total trauma patients from 2011 to 2012.
 - 2. San Diego Trends:
 - Geographic pockets of increasing trauma injuries.
 - Falls, self-inflicted, pedal cycle and motorcycle injuries are increasing.
 - 3. The average length of stay increased by 4 hours from 2011.
 - 4. Falls represent 36% of the total in hospital days or burden to the trauma system.
 - 5. We can expect a 47% increase in fall-related trauma cases by 2030.
 - 6. Mortality rates continue to decline, especially among those severely injured. (ISS 15+)
 - 7. There are 1,567 additional survivors as a result of the decline in mortality rate since 2000.
- B. The following items were discussed:
 - 1. Including upgraded resource patients in the statistics.
 - 2. Changing or upgrading triage criteria on patients who suffered from falls.
 - 3. Updating catchment areas.
 - 4. Laws and public education to decrease the amount of motorcycle injuries such as driving between cars, which is legal in California.
 - 5. EMS responsibility and progress: Over the last 10 to 15 years motor vehicle (4 wheel) crash rates and severity of injuries has improved.
 - 6. CDC criteria for trauma activation, trauma resource, one day admissions and trauma catchment areas. The Medical Audit Committee (MAC) has reviewed data including the elderly population, anticoagulants and impact of those factors on the trauma system, admissions, and catchment areas boundaries.
 - 7. Populations of head injury patients and criteria if patients are or are not on blood thinning medication.
 - 8. Comparing mortality rates with other systems.

V. SAN DIEGO HEALTHCARE DISASTER COUNCIL (Linda Rosenberg, R.N.)

November 21, 2013 is the Statewide Healthcare Exercise. Scenario for the drill is a food borne illness event. Participating hospitals and agencies include: Council on Community Clinics (CCC), Skilled Nursing Facilities (SNF), Sheriff's Office, Military, Border Health, Public Health Lab, Office of Emergency Services (OES) and Department of Environmental Health (DEH). The EMS Department Operation Center (DOC) will be open with participating community members and representatives of OES. The exercise will be testing emergency public information sharing, epidemiological surveillance and investigation, medical surge and communications.

VI. BEACON UPDATE (Marcy Metz, R.N.)

County and Hospital Association representatives are attending the EMS Authority sponsored Health Information Exchange (HIE) Summit in Los Angeles. The two (2) day summit is looking at the HIE; the EMS Hub project will be one of the presentations. The County EMS Hub should be functional and in production by 2014 with agency information coming into the County system. Some hospitals are able to retrieve record information now.

VII. RESUSCITATION OUTCOMES CONSORTIUM (ROC) (Donna Aker)

The Amiodarone, Lidocaine, Placebo cardiac arrest trial known as ALPS has 122 cases enrolled. Overall, the ROC centers have had 1300 participants and would like to reach a total of 3,000. The trial will end in the fall of 2015. There are no pending trials in San Diego at this time for cardiac arrest.

VIII. ELECTION OF BSPC CHAIR

BSPC member's recommended to re-elect Michele Grad, M.D. for another year as Chairperson. Motion carried.

IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

Marcy Metz announced that Dr. Linnik and Dr. Kramer are leaving BSPC. Both have had leadership roles in the County, chairing BSPC and/or MAC. Ms. Metz presented certificates from the County in appreciation of their participation, support and commitment.

Dr. Linnik announced that Dr. Dave Neison will be the Base Hospital Medical Director for Sharp Grossmont as of January 2014.

Dr. Kramer announced that Dr. Saul Levine will be the Base Hospital Medical Director for Sharp Memorial as of January 2014.

X. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00.

BSPC does not meet in December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2014.